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Public Involvement in Superintendent Search Continues *Community Forum Nears, Parent Focus Group Added*

New Bedford, Massachusetts-The second of two community forums offered by New Bedford School Committee will be held at the Keith Middle School on Monday, December 10th at 6:00PM. The community forum is an opportunity for the public to express their opinions and suggestions on the qualities they feel the new superintendent should possess, as well as their overall vision for the school department. Any person who attends this forum will be able to publicly address the New Bedford School Committee.

Additionally, a Parent Focus Group has been scheduled for Thursday, December 6th from 6:00-8:00pm at the Family Resource Development Center (United Way Building) at 105 William Street. The Parent Focus Group is designed to allow parents of New Bedford school children the opportunity to participate in a dialogue about the search, selection and hiring of a new Superintendent of New Bedford Public Schools.

In the coming weeks, a survey will be made available online giving each community member every opportunity to convey his or her opinions and ideas to the New Bedford School Committee. The survey will be sent to all parents within the New Bedford Public Schools.

Today is the final day for any New Bedford resident interested in serving as a non-voting member in the final interview process to submit a completed "Community Input Member Application" to the Angela Natho, Personnel Director for the City of New Bedford. The Community Input Member application is available on the New Bedford Public Schools website at http://www.newbedford.k12.ma.us/leadership_announcement.htm Two community members from the pool of applicants will be selected to serve with the School Committee on the final interview panel.

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